

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Final Office Action of November 20, 2006 is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's confirmation of allowable subject matter relative to claims 3, 10-12, 24 and 30 and that claim 24 was deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections

In the Final Office Action, independent claim 13 and its dependents 2, 4 to 9, 14 to 23, and 25 to 29 were rejected. In the present Amendment independent claim 13 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 24 (24/19/13). Thus, with this Amendment each of the independent claims stands in immediate condition for allowance. The claim Amendments also include some dependency changes to better accommodate features in those claims relative to the independent claims. As each dependent claim depends from an allowable independent claim and has full support under 35 U.S.C. 112, entry and confirmation of allowance of all claims and the application as a whole is respectfully requested.

Accompanying this Amendment under separate cover is an Information Disclosure Statement with accompanying 1.97(e)(2) certification and check for \$180.00.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all rejections raised in the Office Action are overcome such that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant

looks forward to confirmation of the same at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If any fees are required to facilitate entry and consideration of this Amendment, the fees may be charged to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 032405R084.

Respectfully submitted,

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